

PICTON PRESS

Autumn 2010

SAFARI SUPPER



Once again a fantastic evening was had by everyone who attended the Safari Supper. Grateful thanks go to our hosts for the evening: Jane and Peter Brown - starters
Philippa and Tony Grainger -main course

Betty and Ron Tate - Desert
Judy and Jim Matthews – coffee and games.

Thanks also to everyone who supported the event. £864 profit was raised for the Recreation Area

3 competitions were held:-

1.Put a caption to a photograph -won by Gareth Davies

2. Guess Who competition was won by Jayne Kitchen

3.Guess the weight of Yvonne's baby was eventually won by Ronnie Tate

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT THE EVENT NEXT YEAR



Forthcoming Events

Friday 1st October 2010
Macmillan Coffee morning at the Station Hotel

Saturday 30th October 2010 3-5pm
Children's Halloween Disco at Appleton Wiske Village hall
Tickets £4.50 to include hot dog and drink Available from The Station 01642 700067, Judy Matthews 01642 701186 or Yvonne Robinson 01642 700896.

Friday 10th December 2010 Picton Show Domino Drive including supper £1.50. This is followed by the **Annual Christmas Draw.** Draw Tickets are available from any Picton Show committee member.

Monday 20th December 2010
Carol Singing

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits the village at 1.55 – 2.10 pm every third Tuesday . It will be here on the following weeks

21st September

12th October

2nd November

23rd November

14th December

4th January



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to help run the Parish Subcommittee; PCRA and the Communications Committee. All are depleted in numbers and are still suffering from the departure of so many of their members.

For more pictures of events that have been held this year; check out the website www.picton-north-yorkshire.co.uk

Garden Party and Strawberry Tea



A fabulous fundraising garden party and strawberry tea was held at Elmside, Picton on Sunday June 19th. The event was held in aid of Picton Recreation Area and Zoe's place Children's Hospice in

Normanby.

Stall holders sold cards, plants, crafts, and jewellery. The highlight was the delicious strawberry tea.

The garden party raised a massive £800 that was shared by both charities.

With the books and plants that were left over from the tea, Brenda and Tom held a stall at Picton Show, and managed to raise another £90.



OBITURY

The Villages of Kirklevington and Picton said Goodbye to a well loved Character John Barker who sadly passed away on 22nd August 2010. He was known by many people all over the area. Although officially a resident of Kirklevington, he supported Picton in many ways, he was a stalwart of The Station Hotel and he and Sandra helped raise funds for our play area by hosting the Safari Supper in 2009. In years passed he served on Picton Show Committee for 25 years and on The Hurworth Hunt Farmers Committee. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Our Sincere condolences go to Sandra, Sarah, Katie and their family

Wildlife visit

Wildlife Warden Steve Ashton from the Wildlife Centre recently visited Picton play area, giving the children the chance to enjoy and understand nature. He helped them to explore nature in new ways through special activities.

The first activity was to hunt for insects and mini beasts and then identify them by looking at the insects through a magnifying glass. The highlight of the day was finding a black ladybird with red spots.

The second activity was to personally decorate an insect box so they can be easily identified, and then hidden in a secret place within the play area garden for the children to check from time to time.

The third activity was to plant out some wildflowers from the Wildflower Ark.

Jayne and Andy provided some refreshments.

The children loved all the activities and had a wonderful time; they are looking forward to Steve's next visit.



In August the Rangers returned as promised. This time they encouraged the children to use lots of flair and imagination and to take an active role in building and then painting the Bug Hotel.

A wide variety of beasts are now residing in the hotel, they include a baby frog, ladybirds along with lots of other insects.

The hotel is in a secret place in Picton.

On completion of the Hotel everyone went back to the Station to play games and enjoy a picnic. Jayne and Andy again provided refreshments for the adults.

Congratulations to :-

Dan & Yvonne Robinson on the birth of Sadie May, born on 8th July 2010 weighing 8lbs 6 oz a lovely little sister for Ben, Lucy and Georgia



Picton Show 2010

The Annual Picton Sports Gymkhana and Horticultural



Show was held on 17th July in a field kindly loaned by Ronnie Tate. Although a bit drizzly in the morning it remained dry underfoot, a big relief after 3 consecutive wet years. There were good classes in the tent, and the riding rings although the entries in the jumping classes were disappointing. A complete set of show results is available on the website, and if anyone wants to see them who doesn't have internet access we will print them out for you, just ask.

I also hope to get

some pictures of the show onto the website eventually.

The next fundraising event for the show is the annual raffle, we generally have 30 prizes available on this, but the committee appears to be dwindling in



numbers and if anyone feels they could donate a prize

for the draw please let Marian, Judith or Joan Walker know by the beginning of October when we will be organising the printing. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Domino Drive, at Crathorne Reading Room on Friday 10th December 2010 entry is £1.50 which includes supper.



Letter From the Reverend Pam Sanders

I am very pleased to have come back to Yorkshire, (where I was born), after an absence of many years living in other parts of the country. In those years I went to university, worked in various cities, married, moved to the rural Cotswolds and had 4 children. I was ordained in 2005 after being a Lay Reader for 3 years and served as the curate for Leominster Priory in Herefordshire.

I was appointed to the benefices of Crathorne; Kirklevington with Picton, and High and Low Worsall; Rudby-in-Cleveland with Middleton and started working with them on July 1st last year. It has been, as you may expect, a very busy year as we are trying to learn to work together as well as keeping each church's particular identity. I take a morning service at 8am in each church during the week: Hutton Rudby on Monday, Worsall on Tuesday, Crathorne on Wednesday, Kirklevington on Thursday and Middleton on Saturday (Friday is usually my day off). The Thursday service at Kirklevington is followed by refreshments, as people like to stay and chat. Everyone is welcome to any or all of the services; the Morning Prayer is about 25 minutes long and is a quiet, reflective service.

In April we had the first of a new kind of service at Kirklevington, called '4x4' – on the fourth Sunday at 4pm, designed for youngsters up to about the age of 13 and in which they are involved. This is 'alternative worship', with PowerPoint presentation, various kinds of music, craft, Bible readings, prayer and refreshments. The second of these bi-monthly services was on Sunday 27th June when we looked at 'Storm and Shipwreck': as this service coincided with too many holidays, we are re-running it on Sunday September 26th and everyone is very welcome on what is national 'Back to Church Sunday', especially youngsters and parents.

Picton Charity BBQ and Disco



The annual Picton Charity BBQ and Disco was held on Saturday 17th July 2010 and the weather was finally kind to us. This years chosen charity was Cancer Research UK and we had

sold out of tickets a week before the event, with over 190 guests attending we were desperate for a nice dry evening and we all breathed a sigh of relief when the sun was shining. Everyone attending said they had thoroughly enjoyed their evening and the dancing went on well into the night. The steak BBQ was very tasty and with such tremendous support on the evening in buying raffle/tombola tickets we were able to hand over a cheque for £1709.00 to Lindsay Kay representing Cancer Research UK. This event would not be so successful without the help from the Picton Dance Committee and a big thank you to all the people who bought tickets, donated or bought raffle/tombola prizes. What a success!!



Beef Tagine with Salad and Couscous Slow Cooker Recipe

1 kg braising steak
1 onion - chopped
2 cloves garlic
1 large knob fresh ginger - peeled and grated
1 tsp ground cumin
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp ground cinnamon
Small pinch turmeric or saffron
1 tsp harissa paste
1 tbs flour to thicken
Salt and pepper to taste
Stock or water to cover - about 600ml
2 large ripe tomatoes - peeled and chopped
100g dried apricots or prunes.
2 tbs chopped parsley
Zest of a lemon
75g shelled and halved pistachios or almonds -optional

For the salad

4-6 juicy tomatoes -cut into wedges
1 small orange -cut into segments
1 small red onion -chopped
Parsley - chopped
Juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lemon
2 tbs olive oil
Salt and black pepper

Method

Fry beef in casserole or slow cooker, stir in onion, garlic, ginger, cumin, cinnamon, saffron, flour, and seasoning. Add tomatoes.

Pour over the stock and bring to a simmer.

Add to the slow cooker and simmer for 6 hrs or until done.

Add apricots towards the end of cooking.

To make the salad

Mix everything together and place in a shallow bowl.

Taste the tagine for seasoning, adding salt and pepper if needed, and stir in the parsley, zest of lemon, scatter over nuts and serve with the salad and couscous.

This is also good made with chicken and lamb.

Enjoy.

Neighbourhood Watch

It is feeling definitely Autumnal and the nights are starting to draw in so its time to think once more of timers on lights particularly if you are at work all day and return after dark. The lights will welcome you home but deter a burglar. Make sure they are in rooms normally occupied – no-one lives in the hall!

Jims Top Tip -Take your mobile phone to bed with you then you can summon assistance even if the telephone lines have been cut.

The majority of burglaries of private houses take place mid morning, that's when you are most likely to be out, the offender will ring the door bell and look through windows to check this, if you are in they will have an excuse ready. Report any suspicious callers to the Police.

It has been fairly crime free of late but we do seem to get a lot of people calling at houses for various reasons legitimate and otherwise so its best to be on guard particularly so in the run up to Yarm Fair when there is an increase in this activity. Anything valuable and easily removed should be out of sight and/or secured.

One particular local crime caught my eye recently and that was the theft of a catalytic converter from a car parked outside overnight. Cats contain some quite precious metals and are valuable to thieves. This theft was from a sports car but of course 4 x 4s are an easier target being higher off the ground. I bet the thieves were 'exhausted'. Suspicious incidents can be reported on 08456060247 or if urgent 999.

Jim Ackrill

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

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